E-Auctioning of Indian Tea

*376. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Guwahati Tea Auction Centre (GTAC) has successfully launched the process of e-auctioning of Indian Tea;

(b) if so, how it is connected with the Tea Auction Centre at different places in the country; and

(c) how it helps keep tea prices in the country markets under check to help the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) Live e-auction started for 100% dust teas at Guwahati Tea Auction Centre on 20/05/2009.

(b) Guwahati e-auction Center is connected through a common server lodged at Mumbai with all major tea auction centers.

(c) E-auction has been introduced to ensure a fair price discovery mechanism based on the quality of tea offered for sale and prevailing domestic and international market conditions including demand and supply.

Budgetary provision for Defence Procurement

*377. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the budgetary provision for defence procurement during the last five years;

(b) the actual procurement during the above period (value in rupees); and

(c) the indigenous and imported component of the above procurement (value in rupees)?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) The budgetary provision for Defence procurement during the last 5 years and actual procurement during these years are as follows:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	BE	RE	Actuals
2004-2005	26840.05	27255.94	27208.57
2005-2006	26933.41	26185.28	25490.53
2006-2007	29990.83	26774.39	26900.44
2007-2008	32826.80	28110.01	27903.42
2008-2009	37482.77	30614.64	29994.03*
2009-2010 (Interim)	40367.72		

* Actuals uptil March (C) 2009. Accounts not closed.